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SUBJECT: DR. ORABI MUSTAFA

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ADVISED BY DR. ORABI MUSTAFA, DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, SHAW UNIVERSITY AT RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, THAT HE AND 14 REPRESENTATIVES FROM UNIVERSITIES IN RALEIGH AREA ARE ENROUTE TO MIDDLE EAST FOR SIX WEEK STUDY AND OBSERVATION PROJECT IN EGYPT, IRAQ, JORDAN, AND LEBANON. HEAVY EMPHASIS ON IMPROVING ACADEMIC RELATIONS AND FORMAL INSTITUTIONAL TIES. DR. MUSTAFA HAS SOLICITED DEPARTMENT ASSISTANCE IN NOTIFYING ACTION ADDRESSEES OF PENDING VISIT. EMBASSIES AND USINT BAGHDAD MAY WISH TO FACILITATE VISITS BY ARRANGING MEETINGS WITH SIGNIFICANT ACADEMIC FIGURES AND RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN HOST COUNTRIES. IN TURN, MUSTAFA AND OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP AVAILABLE FOR PROGRAMMING AS UNCLASSIFIED

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DESIRED. EXPENSES IN EGYPT PAID BY DHEW/OE; ELSEWHERE, GROUP WILL BE HOSTED BY GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED.

2. ITINERARY FOR GROUP INCLUDES EGYPT (CAIRO, ALEXANDRIA, OTHER INTERNAL TRAVEL) JULY 9-AUGUST 5; IRAG (BAGHDAD), AUGUST 5-10; JORDAN (AMMAN), AUGUST 11-14; LEBANON (BEIRUT), AUGUST 15-19; CAIRO, AUGUST 19-21. CONTACTS ALREADY ESTABLISHED WITH UNIVERSITY AUTHORITIES ABOVE COUNTRIES WITH VIEW TO DEVELOPMENT OF STUDENT AND FACULTY EXCHANGES BETWEEN MEMBERS RALEIGH REGIONAL UNIVERSITY CONSORTIUM AND NATIONAL UNIVERSITIES. UNIVERSITIES OF ALEXANDRIA AND JORDAN REPORTEDLY ESPECIALLY INTERESTED IN PROSPECTS. UNIVERSITY OF BAGHDAD HAS REPORTEDLY CONTRIBUTED DOLS 45,000 TO SHAW UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL STUDIES PROGRAM; SHAW HAS SEVERAL STUDENTS AT BAGHDAD UNIVERSITY. IMMEDIATE REASON FOR VISIT, HOWEVER, IS DHEW/OE GRANT TO PERMIT GROUP TO UNDERTAKE SEMINAR IN CONTEMPORARY MIDDLE EAST AT UNIVERSITY OF ALEXANDRIA. CONTACT FOR GROUP WHILE IN ALEXANDRIA IS MRS. KHALAFALLAH, HEADMISTRESS, NASR GIRLS SCHOOL.

3. IN ADDITION TO MUSTAFA, GROUP INCLUDES THOMAS KEE, VICE PRESIDENT, SHAW UNIVERSITY; HORACE CAPLE, CHAIRMAN, DIVISION OF HUMANITIES, SHAW UNIVERSITY; SHEPARD JONES, DIRECTOR, INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, U. OF NORTH CAROLINA/CHAPEL HILL; JAMES SANDERS, DIRECTOR, ARABIC STUDIES, UNC/CHAPEL HILL; WILLIAM BLOCK, CHAIRMAN, POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT, NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY/RALEIGH; JOHN RIDDLE, PROFESSOR OF HISTORY, NCSU/RALEIGH; AND A MRS. WHITAKER FROM THE ART DEPARTMENT, SHAW UNIVERSITY. OTHERS ARE FROM DUKE UNIVERSITY (3) AND ST. AUGUSTINE UNIVERSITY (1). KISSINGER

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